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Employee Eaves Droppings

Welcome to Mitchel Wheeler, Jr., our new Park Maintenance Man Helper, who will be working at the Arboretum. Welcome, also, to Julian Medina, a transfer from Descanso. Hope you both like your work here. Elliot Oliver comes to Descanso Gardens as a new Park Maintenance Man Helper. Pleasant days ahead, Elliot!

If you miss seeing a rugged faced individual around know here that one Jack Fawcett retired as of December 31, 1962. Our very best wishes for a happy retirement, Jack!

Francis Ching has become a 'proud papa'for the second time. Another boy, born December 27, 1962; named Daryl. While on this subject, the stork is making two calls early in 1963. Roger Burns, sometime at the Gatehouse is an expectant father, as is Lee H. Wakeman. Lee for the second time. Hope this one is a boy!! Not least is the news that a daughter was born to Warren Asa's wife. Congratulations to you new parents.

Arboretum Articles

The Information Department has gone high hat. Have you seen that new partition in the Gatehouse? Frank and Norm say they can get much more work done with the new sense of privacy.

Work has started again on the new tram loading station, and the boys (?) are all expecting to have pots of Easter lilies placed around to announce the grand opening. Outlaying the area around the Knot Garden with ornamental copping will be completed shortly.

A new trail beginning just above the waterfall and pool, on the north side of Tallac Knoll, has been completed with the aid of juvenile help.

Foundation Findings

The second in the Foundation Lecture Series will be presented by Dr. James Bonner, Professor of Biology at Cal Tech, on February 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Dr. Bonner is widely known for his work in plant biochemistry and plant physiology. "A Walk Through Nepal" will be his program. All staff member are invited to attend. Admission fee \$1.00.

The Foundation wishes to thank again all staff members who helped in making the Christmas Posada a success.

Library Listings

Peart. Pictorial plant guide for mild region landscaping Annual report of the experiment station - 1961-62 UC. Camellia yearbook of American Camellia Society 1962-63 Riddell.Bibliographies of the Indians of California.



The Christmas Party, held at the American Legion Hall in Pasadena, was a huge success. Throughout the dinner hour we were serenaded by Ralph Hubble's Banjo Playing Pals. A few employees were detected tapping their feet in time to the music, and others: singing along with Ralph. You can be mightly proud of your son, Dolores. Following dinner Frank Halvorsen, that venerable master of ceremonies, dispensed door prizes and gifts. Our only wonder is, Frank, how is it that Dr. Stewart always gets the first prize, and all Descanso personnel received prizes before the rest of us A round of applaus for the Social Committee for putting on such a happy event! NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Norman Isbell, Penny Pool, F. Ching, Geo. Lewis, Joe Erby. Bill Hawkinson held over from 1962. NOTE: Be sure to read DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION NO. 9



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Arboretum Abstracts

Gertrude Woods reports the Lasca Gardening Class closed the end of January with a good production record. Many, many bunches of radishes, kohlrabi, greens, and leaf lettuce. New classes underway with the enthusiastic support of several volunteers are sure to prove very interesting and exciting to the youth groups. Mrs. Peggy McBride of the Professional Gardening School is putting her skills to work in the greenhouse as well as the classroom. Mrs. Gail Avakian, retired teacher, and Mrs. Josephine Arnold, mother of one of our students, give two half-days a week.

Maida Boyle suggests that anyone wishing to view the paintings of one considered to have been the top painter of horses in the United States, come to the Coach Barn during the month of February. There you will see many paintings

of horses done by the celebrated Mr. George Morris.

The staff wishes to give a warm welcome to the following new employees: Dr. H. Hamilton Williams, Plant Research Assistant Mr. Carlos Jaramillo, Park Maintenance Man Mr. Gilbert M. Dominguez, Information Aid, As Needed Mr. Mitchel Wheeler, Park Maintenance Man Helper A Staff Meeting will be held today, February 8, in the Lecture Hall, at 3:00 p.m. A motion picture of your Los Angeles County will be shown. Don't miss this interesting and informative film.

Descanso Discourse

The staff of Descanso Gardens wishes to welcome to their Youth Education Program Mr. Takao Niiya. He brings with him much horticultural knowledge and farming experience. He has already started registering a new children's class. Grade levels of 4, 5, and 6 may register by telephone for this course beginning Saturday, February 16, from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Another welcome to Elliott Oliver, Park Maintenance Man Helper, who joined the staff in January.

Bobby Vargas, suffering with a case of Hepatitis since December 26, 1962, with rest and care is expected back around March 1.

Nathaniel Jackson, Equipment Maintenance Man, was held up in his music store. It took 20 stiches to patch the hole in his head where one of the culprits hit him.

Sympathy is extended to 'Scotty' Raitt and family in the passing of his father on February 1.

A Native Plant Lecture will be held in the Garden House on February 28 at 8:00 p.m. Richard Maire of the Farm Advisor's Office will speak on "Landscaping for Fire Resistance," and Mr. Jim Perry will speak on "Ground Covers for Hillside Plantings." The lectures are free to all. On March 2 and 3 the Camellia Show, sponsored by Los Angeles Camellia Societies, will be held from 9:00 a. m. until dusk.

Library Listings

Books received during the month of January are: Threlkeld. The Camellia book FAO. Forest tree seed directory 1961 Nairne. Flowering plants of western India Alexopoulos. Introductory mycology Hillman. The Physiology of flowering Oliver. Flora of tropical Africa Harrar. Guide to southern trees Plesch. Essais d'acclimztation de plantes tropicales en France Jahns. Geology of southern California Sunset books on How to grow and use camellias, annuals, bulbs. Sunset books on Garden art and decoration and Ideas for entryway.

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A letter from Don Woolley, Supervisor of South Coast Botanic Garden.

Just a note to tell you our entry gate is now 26701 Rolling Hills Road, Rolling Hills Estates. Our new mail box also carries this number. The entrance road is gravel covered with a plasticised oil. Our water line is now connected to a 4" meter, giving us better pressure and volume, which results in better coverage. The time is rapidly approaching for us to take over several more acres just west of the present plantings and preparing this soil for use, and to lay out the roads.

Our propagation section for cuttings, potting, transplanting, and planting in seed flats is ably handled here by Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, who has volunteered her abilities for the past two months. Her work is excellent, and we are very grateful for her services. We are only doing a limited amount of work in this section for our facilities are small and completely out-of-doors under Saran. So far Mrs. Shaw has put in nearly 50 hours of her own time and has completed work on over 2,700 specimens. We thank you, Mrs. Shaw, very much.

DON and ROY "gulls"

Foundation Filndings

Clifford Parks returned to the Arboretum to continue his work on Camellias. I beg your pardon, Cliff, I should have said, "Dr. Parks." A hearty welcome to you.

NOTE: The results of the elections held in January for Los Angeles County Employees Association Delegates and Alternates are as follows:

Boyd Keith Delegate Chairman Jack McCaskill Co-Chairman

Garner Engel #1 Alternate Marty Martinez #2 Alternate

These delegates will represent our employees at the Council meetings for the next two years, and will try to help all members and non-members alike with any problems they may have that should require attention of the Employees Association.

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Arbor Day

Arboretum: There were 1600 persons who came to celebrate Arbor Day at the Arboretum. All the youngsters left with a Callistemon clasped in their hands - looking very horticultural, I might add. A message of General Eisenhower's was included in the program. The Honorable Frank G. Bonelli, Supervisorlst District, among others, was a guest of honor. The trees were donated by Rosedale's Nursery, and the Tree Booklets, courtesey, Southern California Edison Company.

Descanso Gardens: There were approximately 2600 persons at the celebration held at Descanso Gardens. A quote from Frances Raitt, "And only 1000 seedlings." Guess that tells us what kind of a time the receptionist had!! Pine trees were presented to the children, courtesy of the Los Angeles County Department of Forester and Fire Warden. Tree Booklets were also given by the Southern California Edison Company. The Honorable Warren M. Dorn, Supervisor of 5th District was among the guests of honor.

South Coast Botanic Garden: A call from Don Woolley, Supervisor of South Coast, tells us that there were 400 children to the celebration held on the Palos Verdes penninsula. Flowering ash, donated by Monrovia Nursery, was the gift taken home by the children. Included in the Second Annual Arbor Day festivities was the planting of 18 specimen trees given by four different groups. Guests included Executives of District 12 Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Camp Fire and Brownie Girls. Mrs. Frances Young prepared a program sheet.

Before we close on reporting the Arbor Day activity, Gertrude Woods, of the Children's Education wishes to thank Frank Simerly for all the arrangements made at Descanso Gardens; to Lorene Johnson and Gerry Patton for work on letters and programs; Dr. Louis Martin and the Information Aid Section for endless arrangements, and to all others who gave extra time and work to make Arbor Day such a success.

Library Listings

Graft-incompatibility in fruit trees Mosse. Fire Research Committee. Fire research proceddings Butterfield. Build a small greenhouse Clay. Trees for Hawaiian gardens Royal Horticultural Society. Lily yearbook - 1963 - Rhododendron & Camellia yearbook - 1963

Tackholm. Students' flora of Egypt Needham. Manual of the dragonflies of North America Dunsterville. Venezuelan orchids illustrated

Personnel News

The Foundation is happy to report that Elsie Murray is slowly but surely recovering from recent serious surgery. She asks to be remembered tonall, and her greatly thanks for the many cards, calls, and kind thoughts.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graf!!! Timothy Andrew Graf arrived, weighing in at nearly 8 lbs. Mother and baby doing fine. Oops! Father, too!!

We are sorry to report that Marge Wood, our genial PBX gal met with an accident yesterday on the way to work. A shove from the rear into car or cars in front gave quite a jolt causing a whip lash. Needless to say, Marge's nerves suffered, also, and she is home until the amount of injury is noted.

Mr. Rolland Kavelaar, new Information Aid As Needed, replacing Bill Dickey (who, as you know, is on military leave at Fort Ord) is the new face seen at the Gatehouse window. Welcome aboard, Rolland. Bob Smith becomes permanent as of March 25. Norm Isbell is putting on the Home Owners' Lawn Show March 30 and 31. Be sure to see what he can do!!

Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc.

Daffodil Society sponsored by the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc. will hold it's seventh Annual Show at the Gardens on March 23 and 24. All are welcome to enter their display.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! The Black Swans came off the nest in the upper Lagoon with five pearl gray cygnets on Wednesday morning.

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Information Section

The Fish and Game Commission used rotenone in the big lagoon and got some "moughty, moughty" large carp, enormous large motled bass, plus one large catfish, and many blue gills and crappies.

We can't say if there is any connection with that activity in the lagoon, but Bill Dickey appeared at the Gatehouse about this time, much to our delight. Actually, he has finished boot camp at Fort Ord, and enroute to field artillary school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma stopped off to help us out for two weeks. "Gracias, Bill."

Personnel News

Mr. Gene McInturff transferred to the Road Department on April 21, 1963. He is still our 'as needed' Guard.

Mr. Robert Neilsen is a Park Maintenance Man Helper, As Needed, who joined our staff this month.

Mr. Gilbert Reyna, Tree Laborer, is another new staff member. Congratulations to Mr. Charles Potthast who became Senior Park Maintenance Man. Quinn Buck, our Plant Propagator, is home from the hospital and doing nicely. Mr. Martin Stoner, an As Needed Information Aid at Descanse, has been given a Grant, a Research Assistantship at Washington State University.

Also at Descanso Mr. Paul Risk, another As Needed Information Aid, goes to the Grand Canyon as a Park Naturalist for the summer.

Social Committee Says:

The ANNUAL STAFF PICNIC will be held at Brookside Park in Pasadena on July 28. More information pertaining to this will be available later.

From the Foundation:

Our Elsie has returned to the helm after surgery and is most happy to be back. She wishes to convey her thanks and appreciation for the wonderful messages and cards received from the staff during her illness.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. will be held at 3:00 p.m., May 21. The Meeting is planned for the Historical Area.

From Maida:

I am seeking canned goods and children's clothing for my Indian children at one of the Mission Schools. Needed are tinned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables suitable for the school cafeteria.

From Bernice:

In the near future each County employee will be given a card to fill out giving his Social Security number. This will be sent to the Auditor's office to be used on your W2 Forms for 1963. Every County employee Must have a Social Security number. So be prepared !!! If there is any question regarding your number, or if you have never had a number, call the Social Security Office nearest you and get the information you need.

Many thanks to those of you who so generously gave blood for Elsie and Quinn. We need to replace the blood used. Now is your opportunity to help again.by visiting the Blood Bank. PLACE: American Legion Hall; 720 North First Avenue, Arcadia; DATE: May 20, 1963; TIME: 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.

From Don Woolley:

Don says to come to the Fiesta de Flores being held at South Coast Botanic Garden on May 31, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., and June 1 and 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This First Annual Flower Show is being sponsored by the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, Inc. Address: 26701 Rolling Hills Road, Palos Verdes penninsula. Located: 1 mile south of Pacific Coast Highway, up Crenshaw Boulevard to 1st signal light; left turn to garden 1/2 mile.

From Russella:

New arrivals in the library: Questions and answers about tensiometers and their use Marsh, A. W. Indian life at the old missions Webb, E. B. Metcalf, R. L. Advances in pest control research vol. 5 Dawson, G. W. P. An introduction to the cytogenetics of polyploids Soil erosion control products. Morgan, W.

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It is with the greatest pleasure and privilege that we announce two important citations to two members of Dr. Hamilton Williams family. On April 24, 1963 in Roanoke, Virginia, Mrs. Cordelia S. Williams was named MOTHER OF THE YEAR in the field of Family Life. On April 28, 1963, Mrs. Geraldine W. Twitty of Tuskegee Institute was cited as TEACHER OF THE YEAR for her dedicated application to the field of instruction. Mrs. Twitty is the sister of Dr. Williams, and at one time was an instructor at UCLA. Our very best CONGRATULATIONS, Ham!!

Frank Halvorsen says:

The college graduates from the Information Section this year include: Senior Information Aid, Norm Isbell - from Cal-Poly at Pomona with a BS in Ornamental Horticulture.

Information Aid Bob Smith - from Cal-Poly at Pomona with a BS in Horticultural Service and Inspection.

As Needed Information Aid, Gil Domingues - from Cal-Poly at Pomona with a BS in Ornamental Horticultural.

Jerry Gause, Information Aid, As Needed - from Los Angeles State

At Descanso Gardens Phil Ishizu - from Cal-Poly at Pomona with a BS in Ornamental Horticulture.

Martin Stoner, Information Aid, As Needed, also of Descanso - Cal-Poly at Pomona with a BS in Biological Science. Martin will be leaving for a berth as Assist - : antship at WashingtoncUniversity ... Good Luck, Martin!!

I should mention here that the wives of these men will also receive a diploma with a PHT. If you wish to know what these initials mean, see Norm Isbell.

Library Listings

Weisz.	- The Science of botany
Williams.	- Flora of Trinidad and Tobago
USDI.	- Aquarium construction in the home workshop
Mathias.	- Checklist of woody ornamentals of California
Balls.	- Early uses of California plants
Watt.	- The Medicinal and poisonous plants of southern and east-
	ern Africa
Sunset Magazine.	- Sunset garden plants
	- Sunset basic gardening illustrated
USDA.	- Home propagation of ornamental trees and shrubs
Smith.	- Controlling insects on flowers

Education Editings

400 lbs. of fish per acre of surface in Lasca Lagoon! That was the findings of the California Fish and Game biologist, James St. Amant when his crew sprayed the lagoon with rotenone to eliminate carp. Only gill breathing animal life was affected by the rotenone, but that was a sight to behold! Capr 30" long, weighing up to 32 lbs. flapped to the surface and onto the banks. Recovery of suffocated fish continued for 3 more days. 165 large carp, 18 large bass, 183 green sunfish were the number tallied. No fish under 10" long was counted.

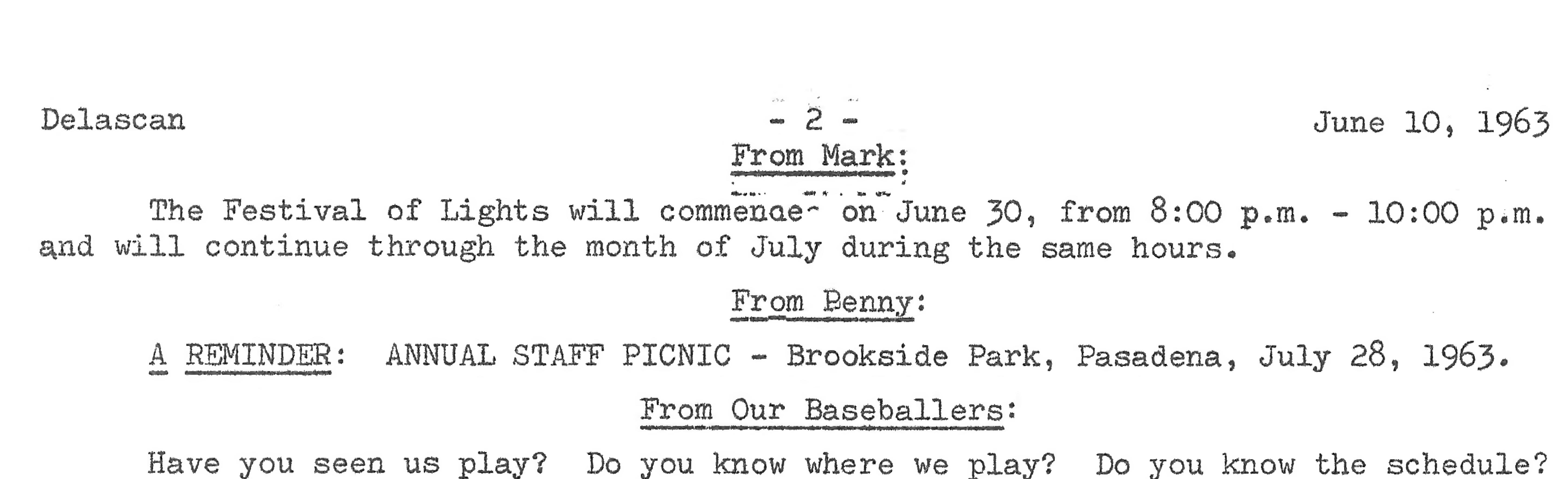
On May 28 the California Fish and Game restocked Lasca Lagoon with red-eared sunfish. 6 adults and 15 fingerlings were introduced. We should have a good showing

later in the year.

The Canada honkers have prospered despite the gander's loss to a visiting coyote. The wood ducks are nesting, we think, and the cygnets are now as large as their parents.

The Youth Education Summer Schedule will hold classes for 6 year olds to and including 16 year olds. The classes range in interest from handicrafts, history, exploring, nature studies, and patio gardening.

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Have you seen us play? Do you know where we play? Do you know the schedule? Well, we play a pretty good game once we get started; we play at the Garvey County Park located on Emerson in Monterey Park between San Gabriel Boulevard and Del Mar and two blocks south of San Bernardino Freeway. Games listed are: June 20, 7:00 p.m. vs McCarron Electric; June 27, 7:00 p.m. vs Retail Credit Company; July 11, 7:00 p.m. vs California Hardware; July 18, 7:00 p.m. vs CAO Chiefs; August 1, 7:00 p.m. vs McCarron Electric; August 8, 7:00 p.m. vs Retail Credit Company; August 15, 7:00 p.m. vs California Hardware; August 22, 7:00 p.m. vs CAO Chiefs; September 5, 7:00 p.m. vs McCarron Electric; last game of season September 12, 7:00 p.m. vs Retail Credit Co.

Personnel News

WELCOME BACK, QUINN!!! Glad you have been taking care of yourself. Hope you will feel full of vim, vigor (or is it vigar) and vitiments!

The new face wearing the Guards uniform; no, I mean the new employee in the Guard's uniform is Franklyn E. Barrell who came to us May 10. "Howdy-do, Franklyn." Our genial Custodian, Streeter Turner is transferring to the Los Angeles County Hospital. Good luck in the new position, Streeter!

Sherman L. Richie will take over the duties of our departed Custodian. Welcome! Paul Hernandez is back at Descanso Gardens as a Park Maintenance Man Helper after an absence of one year. Glad to have you back, Paul!

On April 13 I left for Mexico City via Nogales. The drive took me one week going down by way of Vera Cruz. Found roads in good condition. Some rain out of Mexico City, and later along the Gulf of Mexico very damp and foggy. Growth very lush throughout this area. The country around the Mayan ruins (my reason for making the trip) was hot and steamy. Went to Alvarado, Villa Hermosa where one of the ancient stone heads from the Mayan ruins was on display in front of the hotel. As the hotel was modern the artifact looked out-of-place. Wonderful trip, the only danger being the taxis and pedestrians in Mexico City. Seems to be survival of the fittest.

From Bill Hawkinson:

A short resume of my quick trip to Europe. Left in May, arriving in Florence, Italy by plane where I spent one week attending the International Symposium on Iris, first on held in 40 years. Drove through France, Luxemburg, Belgium, and on to Holland. In Holland I saw the Van Tubergen Bulb Nursery. From Holland I flew to England where I arrived in time to catch some sleep before flying home. On reaching the states I attended the American Iris Society's Annual Convention in Denver. All in all, I would say the trip was very beneficial in many ways. Florence was a very beautiful city, and I found that in most places I found English speaking people.

Current Reclasses

The following have been reclassed:

Lee H. Wakeman from Senior Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant. Marge Wood from Telephone Operator to Intermediate Typist-Clerk. Rito Cervantes from Park Maintenance Man Helper to Park Maintenance Man. Congratulations to all!!!

NOTE: A general Staff Meeting will be held in the Lecture Hall at 3:30 P.m. on June 14. All employees are expected to attend:

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DATE: JULY 28, 1963 PLACE: Brookside Park TIME: 12:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. STEAK DINNER: Served at 4:00 P.M. COST: \$1.00 per couple .25 per child under 12 years 1.50 each guest

ACTIVITIES:

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Soft Ball Game at 1:00 P.M. Swimming (slight charge for this), Tennis and Horseshoes.

Get your tickets from your Social Committee representative now.

DIRECTIONS TO BROOKSIDE PARK: Take either Orange Grove Avenue in Pasadena or Linda Vista to The Rose Bowl turn off. The Park is about one-mile south of the Rose Bowl. The FICNIC will be located

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Employee Editings

Apologies are offered to Quinn Buck by your editor. Inadvertently we failed to report the passing of Quinn's mother on August 28. Our sympathy is extended at this time, Quinn.

Dr. Louis B. Martin is attending the joint meetings of the American Horticulture Society and the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta in St. Louis, Missouri, from October 9 to 13 inclusive.

Mr. James L. Talps, Jr. has joined the staff at the Arboretum as Librarian. He comes to us from the Los Angeles County General Hospital. Welcome to the staff, James!!

A Mass has been said for Harold McCandless by the Indian children at the Indian Catholic Mission in the San Diego Mountains in gratitude and respect for the several articles of clothing, food and money lovingly given by members of the staff. Ham Williams wishes to call attention to the Lawn and Turfgrass Institute being held here on the Arboretum grounds Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 3:30 afternoon. Much can be gained from a visit to the displays and demonstrations.

Library Listings

The following have been received this month in the library: Jaques, H. E. How to know the economic plants "How to know the insects Copeland, E. B. Ferns of Fiji Reed, L. B. Insects and diseases of vegetables in the home garden General Biological Supply House. Turtox Service Leaflets Fox, R. T. How to make a terrarium 11 11 11 Corsages from garden flowers Germination of seeds. Mayer, A. M.

Around and About

Francis Ching reports the following improvements in the Entranceway: 100,000 square feet of land planted to Tifway; 2 large Phoenix reclinata (palms) planted by the marble walls as well as agave, aloes, cactus, and yucca. Gertrude Woods reports: registrations at Descanso have reached 85, gardens are growing and Elizabeth Parker is again volunteering time for a class of Indoor Gardeners; at the Arboretum Miss Tuchscherer, Mrs. Evely Graves, and Mrs. Lisbin are helping out with Indoor Garden classes, 186 enrolled; a new class is underway for selected 7th and 8th grade retarded children of the Monrovia District.

Warren Asa contributed the inspiration for the display in the "Education" case in the rotunda. Thanks, Warren!

We feel that the Historical Committee Board will want to meet in the Seminar Room henceforth because: --- Buzztail sounded off when the President used the gavel; a loose mouse petrified the ladies; the leopard frog burped in the middle of some gentleman's speech, and Toby the tortoise pushed a lady's foot under the table. No

wonder they do not like the Children's Building for meetings!!

Dr. Stewart announced that the Arboretum received an award of a silver medal for a display of cymbidium orchid blossoms which were shipped to The Cape Horticultural Society's International Flower Show in Cape Town, South Africa.

Remember the Glendale Chrysanthemum Society Thirty-First Annual Show at Descanso Gardens on November 2 and 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. There will be flower arrangements in the Hospitality House featuring chrysanthemums.

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Gatehouse Gleanings

The Gatehouse has now catalogued most of the materials on display in the Sunset Home Demonstration Gardens. Literature and pamphlets are available for nearly all of the materials.

Through the courtesy of George Spalding and Dr. Mildred Mathias the Gatehouse has on file the growers of the plants listed in the new University Manual 32 "A Checklist of Woody Ornamental Plants of California."

The ANNUAL STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, December 14 at Michael's Restaurant on 1st Avenue in Arcadia. An Hawaiian Luau chicken dinner will

be followed by dancing for all those who care to participate. Additional information will be forthcoming in the pay envelope of November 25.

Foundation Facts

The Foundation office wishes to thank all of the Staff of the Arboretum who worked so diligently with us on the recent Orchid Print Silent Auction. We could not have had such a success without the fine cooperation of all.

The new correspondence cards are in stock and for sale at the Gatehouse. Mr. Henry R. Mockel designed the originals which are lovely and very representative of the Arboretum.

Dr. Yale Dawson, Director of the Science Museum in San Diego and formerly of the Botany Department of U.S.C., will give a lecture on November 22. It will be illustrated and his subject will be "Cacti and Tortoises of the Gallapagos Islands." The Staff is cordially invited to attend this Foundation-sponsored event to be held in the Lecture Hall. The tickets may be purchased at reduced prices to the Staff.

Historical Happenings

Our Historical Curator, Mrs. Maida Boyle, left on October 16 for the National Conference of Western Historians held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Maida was on several panels regarding Ethno-Historian (a little over my head, Maida) and Museum Interpretation of Historic Sites and The Archeologist-Historian and the Borderlands. Enroute to Salt Lake City was a stop-over at the Lehman Caves where many exciting evidences of early man in America are being uncovered. Should I tell this, Maida? Anyone for a venison dinner?

Library Listings

The following titles received in the Library may be of interest:

Doran, W. L.The propagation of woody plants by cuttingsCopeland, E. B.Fern flora of the Philippines 3 vols. in onePerez-Arbelaez, E.Plantas utiles de ColombiaAljibury, F. K.The effect of softened water on plant growthDavis, C. S.Diseases and insects of Modesto ashWalker, E. H.Important trees of the Ryukyu Islands



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James Talps, new Librarian at the Arboretum comes to us from the Los Angeles County General Hospital. A hearty welcome, Jimmie.

Danny Lemos, Park Maintenance Man Helper at the Arboretum also comes to us from the General Hospital. We are happy to have you with us.

Clarence W. Tilforth, Park Maintenance Man Helper at the Arboretum is a student, I should say graduate student, of the Professional Gardener's School. Hope you like working with us.

William L. Boor, Park Maintenance Man Helper at Descanso transferred from Parks and Recreation. Greetings, Bill.

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Woolley's Gatherings

The South Coast Botanic Garden area is enlarging. Trash dumping finished the week of November 15 on the last 42 acres. Dumping shifts to the west side of stream lake bed and the perimenter is rough graded. The first 500 tons of random rock for the rapids brook bottom and falls have been delivered at the site. Only 5,000 tons more are to come. A total donation of \$52,000 when all the rest of the rock is here. Ray Burkitt and crew have cut into 5½ acres 36,000 bushel of stable manure in 6 months. Five wild dogs born on the site had to be tracked down and killed. Two volunteer propagators donated 628 hours of their own time in 6 months and their propa-

gating, seedlings, cuttings, divisions, and canning on-in-size number in the thoudands. Betty Shaw and Helen Bleser - without them we would have been at great expense to duplicate their work.

Quinn's gerberas still reign supreme in size, color, difference - come down, staff; and see 'em!!! WE DARE YOU!!!

Signing off from the land of blue sky, fresh breezy air, and no \underline{d} smog. SO-KO-BO-GAR GULLS!!!

Education Editings

Four volunteer teachers are ending their Indoor Gardens classes this week at Descanso and the Arboretum. Their generous gifts of time and real effort have given 9 hours of horticultural experience to 56 small children. "Thank you" to Mrs. Lela Lisbin, Mrs. Evelyn Graves, Miss Elizabeth Parker, and Miss Gayle Tuchscherer.

A special training class from Clifton School, Monrovia with their teacher, Mrs. Gayle Avakian, are meeting at the Youth Section every Friday morning for two hours to learn gardening skills. The 16 boys and girls of grades 7 and 8 nave already weeded, spaded, fertilized, and levelled the soil. On November 6 they began the

planting of a Spring Garden. Daffodils, narcissi, muscari, ranunculus, and gladiolus will be over planted with Iceland poppy and violas.

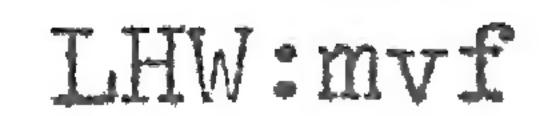
On October 28 the Assistant Superintendent of Descanso and 8 Resourte Teachers met at the Youth Education Center to discuss and plan ways to use our facilities next semester for their Gifted Group Program. Also on October 28 four Information Aides, Tak Niiji, Don Herman, Bob Smith, and Bill Dickey were guests of the Science Supervisor at an East Los Angeles School to audit a master teacher at work with living things. This program to be helpful for children of little or no outdoor experience. These Information Aids, together with Bobby Vargas and Ed Pugh, are facing a year of increased demands for school field trips and are all giving increasingly good trips with varied content. These trips on school time are known across the County and are a credit to Descanso and the Arboretum. They included 24,000 children and their teachers last year!

NOTE I. Marge Wood, our genial PBX gal is wanting to know how many pounds of See's candy will be wanted by the personnel for Christmas orders. All orders must be in by December 10 with cash or check accompanying order. Price is \$1.20 per pound for

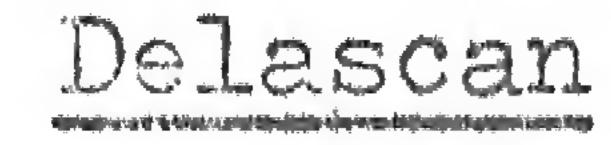
the regular mix - other orders same as in the store.

NOTE II. Don't forget the staff meeting today at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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From Descanso Gardens: A second son was born to the Paul Hernandez family within the last month. Father, mother, and brother, as well as the new baby, are doing fine. CONGRATULATIONS!!

On December 15 at 2:30 p.m. Christmas carols will be sung by the Los Angeles City Schools'Acappela Choir. As always children's voices lifted in song are an inspiration. So come; listen; and be inspired.

From December 1, 1963 to January 1, 1964 a stained-glass window will be on display at the Hospitality House. This traditional window depicts Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus with the three Wise Men offering gifts. Our thanks to the Judson Studio and John Wallis and Associates for the loan of this lovely window.

From the Foundation: The Foundation cordially invites all staff members to the Eighth Annual Christmas Posada to be presented on December 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hugo Reid Adobe. Tram service will be provided from the Gatehouse and return to the Lecture Hall for refreshments.

On display at the Gatehouse are some lovely Floral Portrait correspondence cards and calendars. The original art work was done by Mr. Henry Mockel while here on the grounds. These may be purchased for a nominal sum and would undoubtedly make unusual Christmas gifts.

The Foundation lecture on January 24, 1964 will feature Dr. George Kennedy who will speak on "Plant Collecting in New Guinea." Members of the staff are cordially invited to attend. Merry Christmas all from Elsie, Dolores, and Ruby!!

From the Gatehouse: We of the Gatehouse personnel are saddened by the transfer of one Robert Smith to the County Bureau of Sanitation. He will take on the dutie of Assistant to Entomologist William Waldron. Our best CONGRATULATIONS to you, Bob, and hope to see you occasionally at the 'window' on the weekends.

No matter what language it is said in, the Gatehouse staff joins in the chorus of all in saying "Glaedilig Jul, Felicidades Navidad, or Merry Christmas - take your pick."

From the Library: Interesting publications received by the library are as follows: Hedburg, Afroalpine vascular plants, a taxonomic revision; Darlington, The handling of chromosomes; Richter, Zimmerpflanzen von Heute und Morgen; Coon, using plants for healing; Smith, Controlling insects on flowers; Shulke, A treasury of Christmas decorations; Noble, Plants indoors, their selection, care and use in decoration.

From Youth Education: Early in December changes in the water bird population became noticeable. Wild mallards stop daily; a flock of 27 was observed on December 3. Occasional Pintail and Canvasback were seen, and 8 to 14 Ruddy Ducks come every day. Seven Shovellers were seen December 4. Kingfishers frequent the upper lagoon; Stellar Jays, Nuthatches, and Juncos are coming down from the mountains in increasing numbers.

Thanksgiving,Lasca Gardeners took home prizewinning lettuces, red and green, and also a large radish harvest. Descanso Gardening students are making a fine showing, too.

A new course in Gardening Skills has been started with retarded 7 and 8 grade boys and girls from the Monrovia Schools. In five periods they have weeded, spaded, fertilized, and partially planted the small triangle plot in front of the Nature Museum. They put in 198 bulbs and 110 seedlings. So far the survival rate on transplants is 97%. The loss due to 4 plants being deliberately pulled out over the weekend. The response of these children to real personal experience has been of high interest to the school authorities who request continued help and direction in this field.

Holiday Plantcraft classes are underway. Children are making gifts for their homes as well as for decorations. Tak Niyya and Bob Vargas are having children doing

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special arrangements for the Garden House, as well. Arboretum students showing the best craftsmanship are invited to trim the Queen Anne tree on Friday night. This year it will feature hand decorated cookies and other old time decorations. No wonder this course gets more popular year after year! Happy Holidays to you all from Youth Education!

From the Historical Area: The women and girl D cents are decorating the exterior of the Queen Anne Cottage. Also they will decorate the interior and exterior of the Hugo Reid Adobe according to the religious symbology of early California. A special exhibit of ancient Santos will be on display in the sala of the adobe.

From South Coast Botanic Garden: Don Woolley reports that Roy Burkitt, who has been very ill, is now back on the job. For a time it seemed touch and go with Roy. We are glad all is well. GREETINGS from South Coast!!

From the Social Committee: A catered luncheon will be served on Tuesday, December 24 at 11:30 a.m. There will be no charge for the luncheon. Descanso Gardens will hold their luncheon in the Hospitality House at Descanso.

From the Chief, Education Division: Department TV and Radio Programs During December, the people of Los Angeles County may tune in their Arboretum Department for the following programs:

- "The Wonderful World of Ornamentals" with Dr. Stewart on Channel 4, KNBC (color) presenting on: Dec. 14 - Conservation and Ornamental Plants. Dec. 21 - Christmas Plants and Legends.
 - Dec. 28 Garden Therapy.

The following staff members have been invited as guests with Dr. Stewart: Glenn Hiatt, George Spalding, Don Woolley, Mark Anthony, Dr. Gonderman and Gertrude Woods.

RADIO:

TV:

"Horticulture and Gardening" with Dr. Louis Martin, on KMAX-FM, 107.1 mc. presenting on: Dec. 13 - Christmas Trees and Decorating with Plants.

Dec. 27 - How to Multiply a Plant. Time: 2:30 p.m.

And our new program and radio station -"Horticulture Today" with Dr. Louis Martin on the 'Album Station' KRKD, 1150 kc presenting on: Dec. 9, 11, 13, and 14 "Christmas Trees - Live or Cut." Dec. 25 - "Christmas Flower Legends." Time: 6:05 a.m. Frank Halvorsen shares the research and air time with Dr. Martin on the radio programs.

The radio time has featured the following staff members and their special plant interest:

Mark Anthony, Frank Halvorsen, Bill Hawkinson, Glenn Hiatt, Joe Lerchenmuller, George Lewis, Russella McGah, Bob Smith, George Spalding, Gertrude

Woods, and Don Woolley.

From Personnel: Congratulations are in order to Jack McCaskill, who became our new Assistant Plant Recorder. Best of luck, Jack!

SPECIAL NOTE: Please remember to turn off electric motors and other equipment when it is not in use. Also, if you go out of a building, remember to turn off all incandescent light immediately upon leaving a building or room. Turn off flourescent lights only if you are to be gone for a period of more than 50 minutes. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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